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SUBJECT: US PREPARATIONS FOR COCOM LIST REVIEW

REF: A. OECD PARIS 24884

B. EDAC CHAIRMAN'S MEMO, OCTOBER 15, 1974

1. USDEL APPRECIATES LEARNING, FROM REF B, OF SYSTEM INSTITUTED TO ESTABLISH US POSITIONS ON LIST REVIEW ISSUES. WE HAVE NOTED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE RESULTANT FLOW OF INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING THE LAST TWO EDAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

2. WITH THE ONSET OF THE 1500 SERIES VERY MUCH IN MIND, HOWEVER, WE WOULD ASK THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING ON THE AGENDA OF THE THURSDAY MEETINGS THE ITEMS UP FOR COCOM DISCUSSION ON THE MONDAY ELEVEN DAYS LATER. RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS (IN THE WEEKEND CABLE TRAFFIC) LITERALLY ON THE SAME MORNING WHEN ITEMS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED, NOT ONLY MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE USDEL AND WASHINGTON TEAM TO ABSORB THE CONTENT OF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, BUT MAY MAKE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE THE EDITING, TYPING, AND REPRODUCTION OF ANY US COUNTERPROPOSALS WHICH HAVE TO BE CIRCULATED AT MONDAY LR SESSIONS.

3. AS FOREWARNED BY THE VARIOUS OPENING STATEMENTS
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(REF A), LIST REVIEW DEBATE TO DATE ON MANY ITEMS HAS

CONFIRMED THE EMPHASIS OTHER MEMBERS ARE PLACING ON STRICT APPLICATION OF THE COCOM CRITERIA. REGRETTABLY, NEITHER THE TTG REPORTS WE HAVE SEEN NOR THE CLEARED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE USDEL HAVE ADDRESSED THEMSELVES ADEQUATELY TO THIS ISSUE. WE REALIZE THAT THE TEXT OF THESE CRITERIA PROBABLY HAS NOT BEEN READILY AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT TECHNICIANS DEALING WITH, OR CONSULTED ON, OTHER MEMBERS' LR PROPOSALS. WE QUOTE THEM FROM COCOM DOC. 2869.27 AND RECOMMEND THAT AT LEAST THIS PORTION OF THIS MESSAGE BE GIVEN WIDE DISSEMINATION. THERE IS A CLEAR "NEED TO KNOW" THE GROUND RULES ON THE BASIS OF WHICH WE ARE EXPECTED TO FORMULATE OUR LIST REVIEW POSITIONS. AT LEAST ONE OF THE THREE CRITERIA SHOULD BE MET IN EACH INSTANCE.

"(A) MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT (BY TYPOS AND GRADOS) WHICH ARE DESIGNED SPECIALLY OR IN PEACETIME USED PRINCIPALLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION OR UTILIZATION OF ARMS, AMMUNITION OR IMPLEMENTS OF WAR.

(B) MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT (BY TYPOS AND GRADOS), INCORPORATING UNIQUE TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW, THE ACQUISITION OF WHICH BY THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO GIVE SIGNIFICANT DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION IN PEACETIME OF MODERN ARMS, AMMUNITION OR IMPLEMENTS OF WAR, OF THEIR MEANS OF UTILIZATION OR DELIVERY, OR OF COUNTER-MEASURES TO THEM.

(C) MATERIALS, OF WHICH THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC HAS A DEFICIENCY WHICH MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE CRITICAL IN RELATION TO THE PRODUCTION IN PEACE OF MODERN ARMS, AMMUNITION OR IMPLEMENTS OF WAR, OF THEIR MEANS OF UTILIZATION OR DELIVERY, OR OF COUNTER-MEASURES TO THEM, AND WHICH IT COULD NOT OVERCOME WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD.

4. AS NOTED IN OECD PARIS 25404, THESE CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO INTERNATIONAL MUNITIONS AND ATOMIC ENERGY LISTS.

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